

CLAIMS

1. Structural member (1) of the type comprising a body (2) with a cavity (3), plastic reinforcing ribs (4) in the cavity (3), and means (10, 12) for fixing the ribs (4) to the body (2), the member being characterized in that the fixing means comprise discrete regions (12) set back from at least one outer edge (11) of the body (2), and blocks (10) that are part of the same moulding as the ribs (4), which blocks (10) envelop the outer edge (11) in its set-back regions (12).
2. Member according to Claim 1, characterized in that the set-back regions (12) have stepped shapes with angles (24, 27).
3. Member according to Claim 1, characterized in that the set-back regions have at least some parts (12, 26) that converge away from the body (2).
4. Member according to Claim 3, characterized in that the converging parts (12, 26) of the set-back regions are basically trapezium-shaped.
5. Member according to Claim 1, characterized in that the set-back regions (12) are formed by cutouts in the body (2).
6. Member according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fixing means comprise discrete regions (12) set back from two outer edges (11) of the body (2) on both sides of the cavity (3) and blocks (10) that are part of the same moulding as the ribs (4) and envelop the two edges (11) in their set-back regions (12).
7. Member according to Claim 1, characterized in that the body (2) is made of metal.
8. Motor vehicle comprising a structural member according to any one of Claims 1 to 7.